

OYSTER PRICES MAY DROP.

Big Supply on Hand for Week Before Inauguration.

Laden with about 1,500 bushels of Potomac river oysters, the schooners Ella and John Branford arrived at the oyster wharf late yesterday evening in tow of the tug Carter. Their arrival assures a good supply of oysters for the next few days, as two vessels lying at the wharf market before the other two arrived had about 900 bushels aboard.

Before the end of the week it is probable that other oyster-laden craft will be arriving here, so that there will be oysters on hand to meet the heavy demand of the pre-inauguration week. Yesterday from 30 cents to \$1 and over was asked for the bivalves. As the river is now open and the oyster tongs and dredgers can return to work, an increase in the catch is looked for. This will probably bring lower prices on the market here.

The warfare is spreading against the prairie dog. In Texas alone they annually eat enough grass to feed 1,652,500 cows.

BLIND TO STUDY NATURE.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton Start Tribe in Woodcraft.

A unique tribe of the Woodcraft League was started yesterday at the Milton, 1729 H street northwest, when Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton outlined what is called an indoor "outing" by which many of the blind of Washington and their friends with sight may be able to make a study of

Half-Million-Dollar Fire at Durbin.

ELKINS, W. Va., February 24.—Fire yesterday destroyed the plant of the Pocahontas Tanning Company at Durbin. The loss was estimated at \$500,000. The cause is unknown.

JOHN WESLEY BIXLER DIES IN CONNECTICUT

Body Brought Here and Will Be Buried Tomorrow at Arlington Cemetery.



JOHN WESLEY BIXLER.

John Wesley Bixler, an assistant attorney in the office of the assistant attorney general for the Interior Department and assigned to the section of pension appeals in that office, died after an illness of six months at the home of his son in Danbury, Conn., Thursday. His body arrived in Washington yesterday. He will be buried at Arlington tomorrow under the auspices of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Commandery of the District of Columbia, and Rathbone-Superior Lodge, No. 299, Knights of Pythias, District of Columbia.

Judge Bixler served in the Union army as second lieutenant in the 30th Indiana Volunteer Infantry from August 25, 1861, to November 25, 1865. He commanded the detachment of veterans of the 36th Indiana Volunteers in June, 1865, a provost guard of the 1st Division of the 4th Army Corps, stationed at Victoria, Tex., from about the 1st of July to October of that year, when he was appointed provost marshal of that division.

Employed at Capitol.

He served as an employee in the United States Capitol from January to June, 1870, when he was appointed a clerk in the general land office. He studied law at Columbian College Law School, this city, receiving the degree of bachelor of laws, in June, 1872. He was elected circuit prosecuting attorney of the thirty-fifth Indiana judicial circuit in the November election in 1876, resigning his position in the general land office in September, 1877, and qualifying as prosecuting attorney of the Indiana circuit in October of that year.

In 1880 Judge Bixler located in North Platte, Neb., and was elected county judge in 1882, and in 1883 was elected district attorney of the tenth judicial district of Nebraska. The largest area in that state, serving two years. In 1890 he became a member of the board of pension appeals, Department of the Interior, and upon the abolition of the board by statute he was appointed an assistant attorney in the office of the assistant attorney general for the Interior Department, a position he was occupying at the time of his death.

Judge Bixler leaves a wife and two children, Edgar Grant Bixler and Mrs. Edith May Newkirk. His son, Edgar Bixler, under the stage name of Edgar Bixler, is prominent on the vaudeville stage.

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIPS GRANTED SAFE PASSAGE

Sixteen Vessels Soon to Leave American Ports—Agreement Reached With German Government.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the commission for relief in Belgium, stated today that the commission had effected an arrangement with the British government on one side and the German government on the other, by which an acceptable lane for relief commission ships between North American ports and Rotterdam had been agreed upon.

Sixteen Ships to Sail.

The commission expects to dispatch during the next few days the sixteen steamers already loaded or loading in American ports, and has made such arrangements for its supplies as will prevent any delay in loading and dispatching the twenty-three additional steamers now en route or chartered for the commission. The commission says it desires to point out that "aside from the broad principle of humanity involved in the dependence of the Belgian people upon food supplies in America, inasmuch as the commodities shipped to Belgium consist of those food supplies of which there is an exportable surplus in the United States, it does not in any way infringe upon the necessities of the American people."

To Use Northern Route.

LONDON, February 24.—The Belgian relief commission announced that the sailing of relief vessels from overseas ports to and from Rotterdam has been resumed. The vessels will proceed by way of the northern route and will be furnished with German safe conduct passes as heretofore. No arrangement has yet been made for the release of vessels bound for Rotterdam and which now are held in port, but the latest arrangement assures a continuance of the relief for Belgium and northern France.

There has been much uncertainty concerning the status of Belgian relief ships under the submarine warfare measures issued by the German government on January 31. Negotiations have been in progress between the Belgian relief commission and the German government, and all its transportation facilities had been ordered suspended pending the outcome of the negotiations. The relief vessels have been held up in various ports throughout the world.

BRITAIN AND HOLLAND FACE A NEW ISSUE

THE HAGUE, February 24.—The stoppage of a considerable number of neutral sailings to British and allied ports has raised an issue between Great Britain and Holland, according to the Gazette de Hollande. The paper says:

"We can hardly expect Great Britain to rest content while Germany secures such advantages by illegal threats and pressure. Great Britain has made counter demands amounting to a compulsory resumption of traffic with her ports and another for Dutch ships to cross alone and unarmed. Both countries have a large interest in solving the problem set by German ruthlessness, and the solution will not be found in hasty demands and angry words."

CARD OF THANKS.

ABBOTT. We extend to our relatives and friends our sincere appreciation for the sympathy and beautiful floral tributes at the death of our loved one WILLIAM H. ABBOTT. BY THE FAMILY.

MARRIED.

NICHOLAS-WITHAM. At Great Falls, Mont., on Friday, January 14, 1917, LORING A. NICHOLAS and MAMIE M. WITHAM. No cards.

DIED.

ALDEN. Suddenly, on Saturday evening, February 24, 1917, at his residence, 1425 Buchanan street northwest, WILLIAM H. ALDEN, aged 67 years, beloved husband of Helen H. Alden. Notice of funeral hereafter.

ATHERTON. Suddenly, on Friday, February 23, 1917, at 7:40 a.m., at his residence, 1022 Potomac street, THOMAS J. ATHERTON, beloved husband of John C. F. Atherton. Notice of funeral hereafter.

BAXTER. On Friday, February 23, 1917, at 2:30 p.m., at his residence, 1205 N. O. Baxter, surgeon, U. S. A., in the ninety-second year of his age, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

BAXLY. On Friday, February 23, 1917, at 3:30 p.m., at his residence, 1333 11th street northwest, west, this city, died. Burial from the residence of his parents, 1333 11th street northwest, on Tuesday, February 27, at 3 p.m.

BIXLER. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1224 V. Bixler, beloved husband of Pauline Bixler, aged seventy-four years. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

BLAUROCK. Suddenly, on Saturday, February 23, 1917, at 12:45 p.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial from the chapel of Frank & Sons Company, No. 1113 7th street northwest, on Tuesday, February 27, at 10:30 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at Prospect Hill cemetery.

BUSCHEL. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

CUSTIS. On Friday, February 23, 1917, CATHARINE CUSTIS, widow of Dr. J. R. Gregg, died at her residence, 912 15th street northwest, Monday, February 26, at 10 a.m. Interment private.

DAVIS. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 11:15 p.m., at her residence, Chain Bridge road, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

DIGGINS. On Saturday, February 24, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

FRABER. On Friday, February 23, 1917, at 11 a.m., at his residence, 207 Florida avenue northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

FRAZIER. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 10:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

FUSS. On Friday, February 23, 1917, at 12:15 p.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

GRANT. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 12:15 p.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

HAGGARD. On Saturday, February 24, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

HAMMETT. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

HINES. On Saturday, February 24, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

HOLSTEN. On Friday, February 23, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

HOLSTEN. Members of the Association of Old Settlers of the District of Columbia are invited to attend the funeral of their associate, ARNOLD H. F. HOLSTEN, from his late residence, 1012 15th street northwest, Monday, February 26, at 10 a.m. Interment at Prospect Hill cemetery.

LINDSAY. Suddenly, on Saturday, February 24, 1917, at 7 a.m., at his home, 1317 Farnham street northwest, MARY LINDSAY, beloved wife of John Lindsay, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

MOORE. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

NIXON. Entered into rest on Friday, February 23, 1917, at 5:45 a.m., at his residence, 1554 Euclid street, MARY A. NIXON, widow of the late John A. Nixon, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

O'DONNELL. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

PARSON. On Friday, February 23, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

RICH. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 12:15 p.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

SAFFRAN. On Thursday, February 22, 1917, at 11:30 a.m., at his residence, 1012 15th street northwest, died. Burial at Arlington. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

DAVIS. In sad but loving remembrance of my dear grandchild, ANNIE DELLA DAVIS, who left us so suddenly one year ago today, February 25, 1916.

Sleep on, dear grandchild. It is sweet to breathe your name. In life I loved you dearly. In death I love you more.

LOVING LITTLE GRANDSON CHARLES. JONES. In sad but loving remembrance of my dear husband, HARVEY W. JONES, who departed this life one year ago today, February 25, 1916.

"I often sit and think of you when I am alone. For memory is the only thing that grief can't call its own."

BY HIS DEVOTED WIFE, ETHEL GARNETT JONES.

LAWLESS. In sad but loving remembrance of MARY LAWLESS, who departed this life one year ago today, February 25, 1916.

HER LOVING HUSBAND AND SON, GEORGE F. LAWLESS.

MOORE. In memory of my dear mother, ANNIE T. MOORE, who went to her eternal rest four years ago today, February 25, 1913.

HELEN M. STEVENSON.

OVER. In sad remembrance of my dear child, PHILIP EDWIN OVER, who departed this life one year ago today, February 25, 1916.

LOVED IN LIFE, REMEMBERED IN DEATH. BY HIS DEVOTED MOTHER, MRS. J. H. OVER.

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The Event That Always Inaugurates the New Styles in Washington—Our

Opening of Correct Spring Millinery

THE millinery modes of the universe are novel and varied this season—and naturally Washington women look to King's Palace as the one store where they all may be viewed—and where all that is shown is beyond criticism in authenticity.

We've gone to the fountain heads of Fashion for our spring models—selected with an unerring eye the creations sure to appeal to the discriminating shoppers of the city. To tell the story of all the entirely captivating and unique designs, and especially of the wonderfully brilliant color effects and unique trimmings, would take pages. So—just come tomorrow and see them all with your own eyes.

Trimmed Hats and Sport Hats. Opening Special, \$3.95

All the sport shapes, colors and trimmings—as well as beautiful trimmed hats adorned with flowers, wings, ornaments and fancy feathers. Of milan, lisere, hemp and split straws.

Dashing Sport Hats, \$2.98

Of hemp, milan hemp and lisere braids, trimmed with wide and narrow ribbon bands. In solid colors and new combination colors.

Untrimmed Hats, Black and Colors, 95c

High-grade hats of the new bright-finished straws, in the fashionable high shades and black and more conservative colors.

Milan Braid Sport Hats, \$1.98

Medium, large and small models in the new sport hats, of good quality milan braid, trimmed with ribbon bands and bows. For women and misses. In gold, purple, rose, green and black.

From a Congress of the New, the Exclusive, the Entirely Admirable in Spring Garments, We Present 150

Women's \$25 Spring Suits

OPENING SPECIAL. ALL-WOOL POPLIN SUITS. GABARDINE SUITS. POIRET TWILL SUITS. No Charge for Alterations—A Service for Which You Must Pay Considerably at Most Stores.

There are suits in the smartest pleated and belted models, including full-pleated Norfolk, and those with the popular sash effect trimmed with tassels. Many suits have the novel curved pockets, so much favored this season. Nearly all have double sailor collars of silk and cloth, many stitched with rows of silk. Some of the handsomest have fronts trimmed with rows of buttons.

In Copenhagen, navy, reseda, apple green, gold, mustard, Shadow Lawn green and black.

Our Showing of Suits at \$14.90 Up to \$40 Will Meet Your Every Idea of Completeness.

Opening Special—DRESSES Of Silk and Serge. \$10.90

Some are full box-pleated down front from yoke in the new straight lines. Others are designed with rows of side pleating. Collars of silk and Poiret twill. Many are in panel effect trimmed with rows of buttons.

For Blouses—For Dresses—the Season's Craze Is

Georgette Crepe

Tomorrow We Offer the \$2.00 Quality at, Yard. \$1.50

In Black, White and All the Popular Street and Evening Shades

Our trimming department will be the center of interest tomorrow with this splendid quality 42-inch All-silk Georgette Crepe at this special price. Beautiful, dainty quality of unusual strength.

New Sport Chiffon Cloth, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Yard.

White grounds with striking colored figures of large and medium size, in a grade of chiffon that you'll long to possess for making the new "sport" waist; 42 inches wide.

Silk and Beaded Ornaments, 15c to \$1.98 Each.

All the unique, new shapes and sizes, in all colors. Designed for the smartest effects in trimming dresses and hats.

Gold and Silver Trimmings, 50c.

Values up to \$1.00 in Gold, Silver, Steel and Bronze Bandings, 2 to 5 inches wide. Some openwork, some embroidered on net.

Fancy Buttons, 12 1/2c Dozen.

Plain and carved novelties in Gold, Silver and Steel Buttons for trimming the new spring garments.

39c Embroideries, 25c Yard.

18-inch hemmed borders and Corset Cover Embroideries in blind and openwork patterns, on grounds of fine swiss and malmouk.

These are of good, serviceable damask, rich and lustrous, and have wide borders. Ready hemmed for use.

NAPKINS—\$1.50 18-inch Hemmed Napkins of closely woven damask, good weight and superior finish. Dozen. 98c

TABLE CLOTHS—\$2.00 6-4 Handsome Tablecloths, with rich satin finish, in splendidly bordered patterns.

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